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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Raleigh Field Office 6508 Falls of the Neuse Road, Suite 120 Raleigh, NC 27615

ATTENTION: Mr. Eric Alsmeyer

NCDOT Coordinator

Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: Utility Impact Memo for the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 246 over

Little Arm Branch on SR 2564 (Creech Road) in Wake County, Division 5. Federal Aid Project No. BRSTP-2564(1), State Project No. 8.2406901, T.I.P.

B-3376.

Please find the enclosed permit drawings and project site map for the utility line replacement. The North Carolina Department of Transportation proposes to replace Bridge No. 246 over Little Arm Branch on SR 2564 (Creech Road) in Wake County, North Carolina. On August 30, 2004 a Buffer Certification Application was sent out for approval for the subject project. No impacts to Waters of the U.S. will occur as a result of this project.

Buffer impacts include construction of a temporary detour bridge, construction of the new bridge and parallel impacts associated with a sewer line. According to the Neuse River Basin Buffer Rules, temporary roads for bridge construction are ALLOWABLE. Non-electric (sewer) utility lines with impacts other than perpendicular crossings in Zone 2 only and impacts other than perpendicular crossings in Zone 1 are ALLOWABLE WITH MITIGATION. Impacts associated with Zone 1 total 653 ft². Impacts associated with Zone 2 equal 1,089 ft². Total impacts associated with this utility work total 1,742 ft² or 0.04 acre of buffers.

Project design requires buffers to be impacted in association with sewer line utility upgrade and realignment. The new alignment is proposed to cross an area applicable to the Neuse River Basin Buffer Rules. The City of Raleigh will replace the existing clay pipe with a stronger ductile iron sewer pipe. This reduces chances of the pipe cracking and spilling sewage onto surrounding land and into waters. Also, the pipe alignment will be straightened moving it further away from Little Arm Branch. Installation of the sewer line will cause 1,219 ft² of impact. Sewer Line 1 Sta. 0+33.81), crosses the Line -L- at Sta. 12+63.87 (see permit drawing sheet attached). The second parallel utility impact will involve the filling and plugging of 2 sewer manholes. The first manhole is located on the west side of the bridge (Existing Manhole - B2) - Sta. 12+32.19 Line -L- 7.51. The second manhole is located on the east side of the bridge (Existing Manhole)

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A1) - Sta. 12+88.45 Line -L- 23.54 right. Impacts total 523 ft² (see permit drawing sheet attached).

Both impacts are considered allowable with mitigation according to the NCDENR Division of Water Quality Administrative Code Section: 15A NCAC 2B .0100 Procedures for Assignment of Water Quality Standards 15A NCAC 2B .0200 Classifications of Water Quality Standards. No wetlands or streams will be affected by the sewer utility work.

According to the Final Regional Conditions for Nationwide Permits in the Wilmington District: http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/wetlands/Nationwides/NWP%20Final%20Public%20Notice%20 6-2002.pdf, starting on page 6 to page 9 on page 7. Condition 9) A pre-construction notification (PCN) shall be required for any activity impacting greater than 1/10 acre of waters of the US, including wetlands. Impacts associated with this project affect Neuse River Basin Buffers, no impacts are associated with waters of the US. We have determined that this activity will not require written authorization of the Nationwide Permit 12. This memo serves as supplemental information for activities associated with TIP B-3376.

Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or need additional information please call Ms. Cheryl Knepp at (919) 715-1489.

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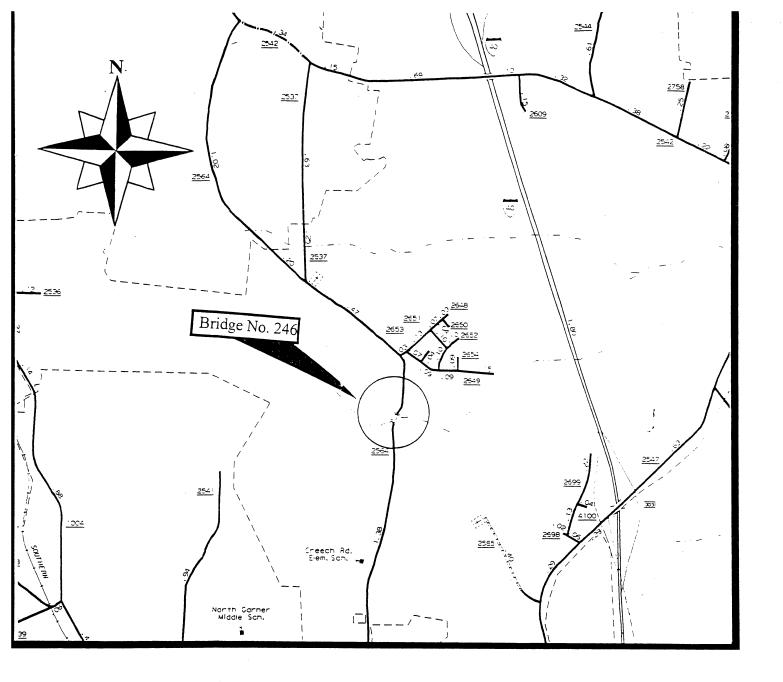
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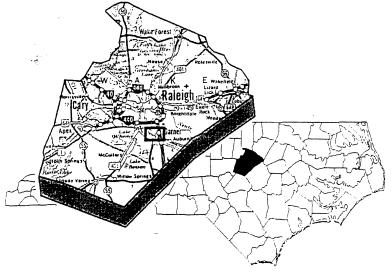
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Wake County Replace Bridge No. 246 on SR 2564 Over Creek B-3376

Figure One

